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SUBJECT:TANAKA VISIT TO BONN

REF: A) BONN 15231, B) BONN 14771

1. WE HAVE NOTED IN REFTELS TWO POINTS WHICH, IF CONFIRMED, WOULD REPRESENT NOTABLE DEPARTURES FROM PREVIOUS JAPANESE POLICIES. EMBASSY IS THEREFORE REQUESTED TO DISCREETLY PROBE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON THESE SUBJECTS AND REPORT RESULTS WITH SAME DISTRIBUTION AS REFTELS.

2. REF A, PARA 4 REPORTS JAPANESE EMBASSY BONN SPECULATION THAT JAPANESE FOREIGN OFFICE WOULD REACT FAVORABLY TO AN AMERICAN PROPOSAL OF A US/JAPANESE BILATERAL OFFSET AGREEMENT SEPARATE FROM THE PROPOSED US/JAPANESE DECLARATION AS ONE WAY OF PLACING THE US TROOP PRESENCE AND MILITARY ALLIANCE ON A MORE DURABLE BASIS. GIVEN HISTORY OF GOJ INABILITY TO ENTER INTO FORMAL OFFSET AGREEMENT WITH US, WE ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING IF ANY BASIS NOW EXISTS FOR SPECULATION THAT PUBLIC OFFSET AGREEMENT HAS BECOME DESIRABLE FROM FONOFF STANDPOINT.

3. REF B, PARA 4 REPORTS FRG FONOFF ACCOUNT OF PRIMIN

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TANAKA'S DISCUSSION OF MEETING OF MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF SOUTH EAST ASIA (CEDSEA)
SCHEDULED TO BEGIN OCTOBER 11 IN TOKYO AND POSSIBILITY THAT
JAPANESE WOULD TRY TO EXPAND THIS FORUM BEYOND ITS TRADI-
TIONAL FIELD OF ECONOMIC COORDINATION TO INCLUDE

SOME DISCUSSION OF SECURITY MATTERS. DID JAPANESE
INTRODUCE THIS SUBJECT AT TOKYO GATHERING OR HAD
THEY CONSIDERED SO DOING?

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